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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9724)

SUBJECT: JOHN PITTMAN
SM - C
OO: San FranciscoALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-6-94 BY SP8 Mac/ndc
(JPK)

Re San Francisco letter dated 1/20/59.

R. C. HENAIRE, business agent, Local number 58, Typographical Union, 110 Loyalty Building, advised SA FRANCIS J. SMITH, 1/29/59, that all linotype operators in the city of Portland and surrounding areas who are union members are members of Local 58. He advised that subject's name was not included in his files as a union member and further that he had never heard of subject. He advised that there are a large number of one or two men operating private shops that are not unionized. He advised that to his knowledge there are only a limited number of negroes engaged in the linotype business in Portland and that he could not recall of any negro who was a member of the union.

PD 426-S, colored, who is well acquainted with the negro element in Portland advised on 1/28/59, that subject was unknown to them.

The records of the Portland Retail Credit Bureau, the Portland Police Department and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office were checked on 2/6/59, with negative results.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-1465)

SUBJECT: JOHN PITTMAN
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OO: San FranciscoALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-6-94 BY SP8 Mac/peckb Rerep SA WILBERT H. KEHE dated 11/26/58 at San Francisco,
copy to Los Angeles.

Subject, an SI subject in the San Francisco Office, was employed as a writer at the "People's World" (PW), a West Coast Communist newspaper, until September, 1958, at which time his wife stated that he quit to learn the linotype business "down South."

SF 1159-S on 1/6/59 advised that he had learned from subject's wife, MARGE PITTMAN, that subject presently is in Portland, Oregon, where he is learning to be a linotype operator and is attempting to obtain a union card. MARGE PITTMAN stated that she had previously advised informant that subject was "down South," but inasmuch as she knew informant was beyond suspicion she felt she could reveal to him that JOHN PITTMAN actually is in Portland and not in the Los Angeles area. MARGE PITTMAN stated that when PITTMAN obtains his union card, which will require a year, he plans to return to San Francisco and obtain employment as a linotype operator.

MARGE PITTMAN cautioned informant that PITTMAN's whereabouts is a big secret, because they did not want the FBI to investigate him and prevent him from obtaining union membership.

A description of subject JOHN PITTMAN is as follows: Sex, male; Race, Negro; Age, 53 (born Atlanta, Ga., 9/17/05); 5' 8"; 150 lb.; build medium; hair reddish brown; eyes hazel; complexion, light brown.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to discontinue its efforts to locate subject in the Los Angeles area pending results from the investigation in the Portland, Oregon, area.

The Portland Office, at Portland, Oregon, will attempt discreetly to ascertain subject's employment and residence through reliable sources and notify the Bureau and San Francisco. As noted above, great care must be exercised in ascertaining subject's present employment and residence, inasmuch as it is not known whether subject's wife has revealed his whereabouts to any other than informant.

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